(b) whether they are aware that the educational attainments of the said communities are far too low when compared with those of forward Christian communities; and

(c) whether they have proposed any scheme for the renewal of full fee concession granted to them in 1924?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: *(a)* Yes, but no case of discontinuance of pupils of the communities for this reason has been reported.

(b) No.

(c) No; but the general revision of the fee concession rules, in the light of the 1941 Census figures for population and literacy, is engaging the attention of Government.

Complaint against the Manager, St. Phelomena English Middle School, Koonammavu.

271. *MR. E. K MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction has received any complaint, against the Manager, St. Phelomena English Middle School, Koonammavu, in Parur Taluk, from any of the staff of the said school; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: *(a)* Yes.

(b) The matter is being enquired into.

Medicines for the Medical Department.

272. *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR *(Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapally)*: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(a) the total cost of medicines purchased for the Medical Department for the year 1121;

(b) whether the medicines purchased for 1121 have been distributed to all the Government hospitals and dispensaries in the State; and

(c) the names of hospitals and dispensaries to which no distribution of medicines was made from the stock for 1121?

DR. S. JOHN: *(a)* Nearly 3½ lakhs of rupess.

(b) Yes.

(c) None.

Assistant and Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

273. *MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether examinations are held before granting promotions to Assistant and Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

(*b*) if so, whether they have received any report from the authorities concerned that the examinations so held serve any useful purpose or not, if so what it is, and

(*c*) whether any practical training is given in some central hospital for these doctors before the grant of promotions and if not why not?

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